

EXHIBIT A

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Re: The City of Huntington, et al. v. AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation, et al.
Civil Action No(s). 3:17-01362 and 3:17-01665

Dear Mr. Burgoyne,

Thank you for accepting service of the enclosed subpoena directed to the National Board of Medical Examiners. We look forward to working cooperatively on this matter. We are aware of the difficulties posed by the current COVID-19 pandemic, and recognize it may impact subpoena compliance and scheduling, but cannot defer serving this subpoena due to upcoming Court-imposed deadlines. We will do our best to accommodate reasonable requests, mindful of our obligations under the existing case schedule.

In this regard, please note that while the enclosed subpoena requires both the production of documents and attendance at a deposition, the deposition date in the subpoena is a suggested date. We are willing to reschedule the deposition for a mutually acceptable alternative date that is earlier or later, subject to two limiting factors: (1) we cannot take the deposition until after the requested documents have been produced (which we understand may be delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic); and (2) due to the Court-imposed June 15, 2020 deadline for completing all fact discovery, the deposition must be scheduled to take place no later than June 15.

Thank you for your attention to this matter during this difficult time.

Sincerely,



David R. Pogue

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of West Virginia

City of Huntington; Cabell County Commission

Plaintiff

v.

AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation, et al.

Defendant

Civil Action No. 3:17-01362; 3:17-01665

SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY AT A DEPOSITION IN A CIVIL ACTION

To:

NATIONAL BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
C/O ROBERT A. BURGOYNE, ESQ.

(Name of person to whom this subpoena is directed)

☒ **Testimony:** **YOU ARE COMMANDED** to appear at the time, date, and place set forth below to testify at a deposition to be taken in this civil action. If you are an organization, you must designate one or more officers, directors, or managing agents, or designate other persons who consent to testify on your behalf about the following matters, or those set forth in an attachment:

Place: Carey, Scott, Douglas & Kessler, PLLC 707 Virginia St. East, Suite 901, Charleston, WV 25301 Or another mutually convenient location	Date and Time: 05/29/2020 10:00 am
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The deposition will be recorded by this method: Stenography and Video

☒ **Production:** You, or your representatives, must also bring with you to the deposition the following documents, electronically stored information, or objects, and must permit inspection, copying, testing, or sampling of the material:
SEE ATTACHMENT A

The following provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45 are attached – Rule 45(c), relating to the place of compliance; Rule 45(d), relating to your protection as a person subject to a subpoena; and Rule 45(e) and (g), relating to your duty to respond to this subpoena and the potential consequences of not doing so.

Date: 04/17/2020

CLERK OF COURT

OR

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Attorney's signature

The name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the attorney representing (name of party) Cardinal Health, Inc
David R. Pogue, Carey, Scott, Douglas & Kessler, PLLC, who issues or requests this subpoena, are:
707 Virginia Street, East, Charleston, WV 25301; drpogue@csdlawfirm.com; 304-345-1234

Notice to the person who issues or requests this subpoena

If this subpoena commands the production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things before trial, a notice and a copy of the subpoena must be served on each party in this case before it is served on the person to whom it is directed. Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(a)(4).

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45 (c), (d), (e), and (g) (Effective 12/1/13)**(c) Place of Compliance.**

(1) For a Trial, Hearing, or Deposition. A subpoena may command a person to attend a trial, hearing, or deposition only as follows:

- (A) within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; or
- (B) within the state where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person, if the person
 - (i) is a party or a party's officer; or
 - (ii) is commanded to attend a trial and would not incur substantial expense.

(2) For Other Discovery. A subpoena may command:

- (A) production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things at a place within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; and
- (B) inspection of premises at the premises to be inspected.

(d) Protecting a Person Subject to a Subpoena; Enforcement.

(1) Avoiding Undue Burden or Expense; Sanctions. A party or attorney responsible for issuing and serving a subpoena must take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to the subpoena. The court for the district where compliance is required must enforce this duty and impose an appropriate sanction—which may include lost earnings and reasonable attorney's fees—on a party or attorney who fails to comply.

(2) Command to Produce Materials or Permit Inspection.

(A) Appearance Not Required. A person commanded to produce documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things, or to permit the inspection of premises, need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless also commanded to appear for a deposition, hearing, or trial.

(B) Objections. A person commanded to produce documents or tangible things or to permit inspection may serve on the party or attorney designated in the subpoena a written objection to inspecting, copying, testing, or sampling any or all of the materials or to inspecting the premises—or to producing electronically stored information in the form or forms requested. The objection must be served before the earlier of the time specified for compliance or 14 days after the subpoena is served. If an objection is made, the following rules apply:

- (i) At any time, on notice to the commanded person, the serving party may move the court for the district where compliance is required for an order compelling production or inspection.
- (ii) These acts may be required only as directed in the order, and the order must protect a person who is neither a party nor a party's officer from significant expense resulting from compliance.

(3) Quashing or Modifying a Subpoena.

(A) When Required. On timely motion, the court for the district where compliance is required must quash or modify a subpoena that:

- (i) fails to allow a reasonable time to comply;
- (ii) requires a person to comply beyond the geographical limits specified in Rule 45(c);
- (iii) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter, if no exception or waiver applies; or
- (iv) subjects a person to undue burden.

(B) When Permitted. To protect a person subject to or affected by a subpoena, the court for the district where compliance is required may, on motion, quash or modify the subpoena if it requires:

(i) disclosing a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information; or

(ii) disclosing an unretained expert's opinion or information that does not describe specific occurrences in dispute and results from the expert's study that was not requested by a party.

(C) Specifying Conditions as an Alternative. In the circumstances described in Rule 45(d)(3)(B), the court may, instead of quashing or modifying a subpoena, order appearance or production under specified conditions if the serving party:

- (i) shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship; and
- (ii) ensures that the subpoenaed person will be reasonably compensated.

(e) Duties in Responding to a Subpoena.

(1) Producing Documents or Electronically Stored Information. These procedures apply to producing documents or electronically stored information:

(A) Documents. A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents must produce them as they are kept in the ordinary course of business or must organize and label them to correspond to the categories in the demand.

(B) Form for Producing Electronically Stored Information Not Specified. If a subpoena does not specify a form for producing electronically stored information, the person responding must produce it in a form or forms in which it is ordinarily maintained or in a reasonably usable form or forms.

(C) Electronically Stored Information Produced in Only One Form. The person responding need not produce the same electronically stored information in more than one form.

(D) Inaccessible Electronically Stored Information. The person responding need not provide discovery of electronically stored information from sources that the person identifies as not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. On motion to compel discovery or for a protective order, the person responding must show that the information is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. If that showing is made, the court may nonetheless order discovery from such sources if the requesting party shows good cause, considering the limitations of Rule 26(b)(2)(C). The court may specify conditions for the discovery.

(2) Claiming Privilege or Protection.

(A) Information Withheld. A person withholding subpoenaed information under a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial-preparation material must:

- (i) expressly make the claim; and
- (ii) describe the nature of the withheld documents, communications, or tangible things in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable the parties to assess the claim.

(B) Information Produced. If information produced in response to a subpoena is subject to a claim of privilege or of protection as trial-preparation material, the person making the claim may notify any party that received the information of the claim and the basis for it. After being notified, a party must promptly return, sequester, or destroy the specified information and any copies it has; must not use or disclose the information until the claim is resolved; must take reasonable steps to retrieve the information if the party disclosed it before being notified; and may promptly present the information under seal to the court for the district where compliance is required for a determination of the claim. The person who produced the information must preserve the information until the claim is resolved.

(g) Contempt.

The court for the district where compliance is required—and also, after a motion is transferred, the issuing court—may hold in contempt a person who, having been served, fails without adequate excuse to obey the subpoena or an order related to it.

ATTACHMENT A

DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the meanings set forth below. Notwithstanding any definition set forth below, each word, term, or phrase used in these Requests is intended to have the broadest meaning permitted under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of Procedure for the Southern District of West Virginia.

1. “You” and “Your” refers to the National Board of Medical Examiners (“NBME”), and all others acting or purporting to act on NBME’s behalf, including any affiliates, programs, employees, directors, agents, contractors, representatives, board members, committees, subcommittees, working groups, and task forces.
2. “Communication” has the full meaning ascribed to it by Local Rule of Civil Procedure 26.2(c)(1), and means any transmission of information (whether formal or informal) by one or more Persons and/or between two or more Persons by means including, but not limited to, telephone conversations, letters, faxes, electronic mail, text messages, instant messages, other computer linkups, written memoranda, and face-to-face conversations.
3. “Defendants” means all defendants named in *City of Huntington v. AmerisourceBergen Drug Corp., et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:17-01362, and *Cabell County Commission v. AmerisourceBergen Drug Corp., et al.*, Civil Action No. 3:17-01665, as of the date of this notice.
4. “Person” has the full meaning ascribed to it by Local Rule of Civil Procedure 26.2(c)(6), and means any natural person or any business, legal or governmental entity or association.
5. “Prescription Opioids” means FDA-approved pain-reducing medications that consist of natural, synthetic, or semisynthetic chemicals that bind to opioid receptors in the brain or body to produce an analgesic effect, including but not limited to prescription medications containing hydrocodone, oxycodone, fentanyl, and hydromorphone, that may be obtained by patients in West Virginia only through prescriptions filled by dispensers duly licensed and regulated.
6. “And” and “or” shall be construed disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of the discovery request all responses that might otherwise be construed to be outside the scope.

TOPICS FOR EXAMINATION

The topics upon which the person or persons designated by You are asked to be prepared to testify in accordance with Rule 30(b)(6) are:

1. Your efforts related to the creation, revision, testing, and grading of content related to pain management (including the monitoring, measuring, and treatment of pain by healthcare professionals) and/or Prescription Opioids on the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) and other medical licensing examinations, from 1996 to the present.
2. Your efforts, including those of any committee, subcommittee, working group, review group, or task force, to develop or review content or questions for the USMLE or other medical licensing examinations related to pain management (including the monitoring, measuring, and treatment of pain by healthcare professionals) and/or Prescription Opioids, from 1996 to the present.
3. Your communications about and understanding of the changing standard of care in the medical field relating to pain management and/or the prescribing of Prescription Opioids, from at least 1996 to the present.
4. Your communications about pain management (including the monitoring, measuring, and treatment of pain by healthcare professionals) and/or the prescribing of Prescription Opioids, including but not limited to communications with any federal, state, or local legislative, administrative, regulatory, or enforcement bodies concerning pain management, from 1996 to the present.
5. Any actions You took, or considered taking, with respect to pain management (including the monitoring, measuring, and treatment of pain by healthcare professionals) and/or the prescribing of Prescription Opioids, from 1996 to the present.
6. Any discussions You participated in, observed, or became aware of during any public or non-public meeting of NBME, including any committees or subcommittees thereof, about Prescription Opioids or practices regarding pain management (including the monitoring, measuring, and treatment of pain by healthcare professionals), from 1996 to the present.
7. Your efforts to create, approve, or disseminate publications and/or examination materials concerning the use, risks, or benefits of medications used for pain management (including the monitoring, measuring, and treatment of pain by healthcare professionals), including Prescription Opioids, from 1996 to the present.
8. Your efforts to analyze the use of Prescription Opioids to treat chronic pain, including by creating prescribing guidelines or making any revisions thereto, from 1996 to the present.
9. Your understanding of the legitimate need for and/or use of Prescription Opioids, including the benefits and/or medical uses of prescription opioid medications, from 1996 to the present.